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SUBJECT: Meeting between the DCI and Theodor Blank and  
Adolf Heusinger on 3 July 1953

1. The Director met with Theodor Blank and Adolf Heusinger on 3 July at 12:15 PM and saw them from 12:15 until 1 o'clock. The Director started the discussion by pointing out to Blank and Heusinger the importance we attach to Germany in the EDC and the importance which he, as head of CIA, attaches to the intelligence potential of Germany as a neighbor to the Satellites, a neighbor who found many opportunities to have access to the Russians. The Director pointed out that his agency is bent on finding out about the Soviet Union and that the German Intelligence Service (ZIPPER) has greatly helped this Agency in its coverage of the Eastern targets.

2. The Director stated that he wanted to help Germany as much as possible in its problem of creating a national intelligence service, and for that reason he brought out an organizational chart of CIA which he explained to Blank and Heusinger. When Blank and Heusinger stated that governmental opinion in Germany tended somewhat towards operating the different integral parts of an intelligence service and assigning them to different ministries, the Director pointed out the importance of keeping an intelligence service as a whole and as an impartial agency within the state.

3. At the end of the meeting the Director mentioned the importance he attached to the problem of a future German intelligence service and tentatively arranged for Blank and Heusinger to have dinner with him on Monday, 13 July, to further discuss this problem. It was agreed that prior to such a dinner I would discuss the entire problem of a German intelligence service with Blank and Heusinger, and a date was made for the evening of 3 July.

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